

F. P. BAKER'S VIEWS

On the Difficulties Encountered by Young Men Who Try to Learn Trades.

TOPEKA, KAN., Dec. 28, 1894.
To the Editor of the STATE JOURNAL:

In your issue of the 25th, referring to what an exchange says, that more young men are learning trades inside the penitentiary than outside of it, because we are trying to make lawyers, doctors and clerks out of material for blacksmiths, etc., and asking the question: If it is not because young men just entering the struggle of life see that the fellows who work with their hands are poorly paid, and therefore they seek places as clerks and in the various professions?

Allow me to differ with you as to the cause of so many young men seeking employment as clerks, and going into the professions. To a great extent the real cause is, because they can not get into shops and offices as apprentices to learn trades. They are barred from becoming apprentices by the laws of the various labor organizations in the country. I know myself of numerous instances right here in Topeka, where the fathers are doctors, lawyers and members of the city council and holding positions of trust in the various places, desire to put their boys to some trade. It is the wish of the boys also, in the cases I refer to, to learn some trade, but alas! they are not allowed to.

I suppose fifty men in the last year have said to me, "What are we to do with our boys? We want them to learn trades and the rules of the labor organizations won't allow it."

In my judgment this is the reason for the fact that was stated: that more men are learning trades in the penitentiary than out of it.

It is absolutely necessary that a change should be made in these matters, and there must be a change or the result will be more deleterious in the future than in the past. Yours truly, F. P. BAKER.

THAT POLICY ORDINANCE.

A Petition for Its Passage Being Circulated Today.

Many of the people of Topeka do not approve of the somewhat dilatory attitude of the council on the policy and lottery ordinance.

Charles W. Emery, a member of the Presbyterian church who lives at the corner of Thirteenth and Topeka avenue is today circulating a petition asking the council to pass the policy and lottery ordinance without delay.

This is the ordinance which was introduced in the council early in September and referred to a committee, and then mysteriously disappeared and as mysteriously returned a short time ago.

When it again came up for passage it was deferred ostensibly because some of the members had "not had time to consider it."

The true reason of the second postponement, it was said by one of the councilmen, was because there were rallies to be brought off before the holidays and the council did not want to interfere with them. The Christmas rallies being over, there seems really no reason why the ordinance should not now be passed, unless, of course, some of the sporting fraternity are going to give a raffish on New Year's. We hear so much about the Populist police officials encouraging vice. It is to be hoped the Republican council will not allow itself to be tarred with the same stick.

REFERRED TO JOHNSON.

Judge Caldwell Turns the Adjustment of Contracts Over to the Master.

About a month ago a petition from the receivers of the Santa Fe railroad was filed in the United States circuit court asking that Judge Caldwell allow some changes to be made in the contracts with the Atlantic & Pacific and St. Louis & San Francisco railroads.

There is a disagreement about the division of the freight and fares which pass over two of the lines under the agreement for joint operation.

Judge Caldwell has referred the whole matter to Judge J. B. Johnson, master in chancery, who has fixed January 25 as the date for the hearing, which will take place in St. Louis.

SHOREY ITEMS.

Mr. and Mrs. English entertained friends from North Topeka Christmas day.

Quite a number of the young people attended the entertainment given at the Rochester school house last Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Spruill spent Christmas day with friends in Oakland.

The Degree of Honor will give an oyster supper some time soon.

The Christmas entertainment given by the Sabbath school children was a decided success and was appreciated by all.

Mr. Currier has gone to Virginia on a business trip.

Bert Nesbit wants to know the color of the man's whiskers that put the present on the Christmas tree for him.

Prof. G. W. Shaw, of the State Agricultural College at Corvallis, Oregon, writes: "I have chemically examined Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder and find it highest in leavening power, and free from alum, ammonia and lime. Of all the powders on the market I have selected it for my family use."

LOCAL MENTION.

Ruth, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Downing, died yesterday morning. The funeral takes place Sunday at 2 p. m.

The Harry Gregg that broke into Caine's street stand last Saturday night was not Harry Gregg, of Bellevue, but claimed Cleveland, O., as his home. Harry Gregg was sick and at home at the time.

The Salvation Army is meeting with good success, soliciting for the free dinner for poor people on New Year's day. The dinner will be held next door west of the Army hall, on East Seventh street. Every person that desires to help with any kind of provisions or money can send to 707 Van Buren street.

John R. Mulyans opens his home this evening, from 8 to 10 o'clock, to the Young People's Society of the Christian Endeavor of the First Baptist church, who will tender a farewell reception to Herbert S. Fairchild, who enters the Louisville Theological Seminary the first of the year. A cordial invitation is extended to Endeavorers of the city to be present.

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NEW YEAR'S LONG AGO

A DAY OF HEARTY GREETING TO FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS.

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New Year's is nothing at all nowadays, and you may sail over as easily as over the equator and not see it in the least. But it was a day then that meant something, and it came in at the head of the year in a way that you should understand it was there. Nor was it our way to do as they did in the times of its decadence. Nobody knew anything about cards—those little infinitesimal nothings that make up for respect and honor and good fellowship. Oh, fie, but what shams there are nowadays! But we took off our greatcoats and hung up our hats, and we did not count up the doorbells we had rung as much of a contribution to society.

To be sure, there were not then so many of us in this land, and those that were did not all live in the cities, but we had breathing room and elbow room and were ashamed neither of work nor of being known to eat our bread by the sweat of our brows. Now, your little whiffet passes for a humorist because he can mimic country ways, and says, "Oh, fie, but the fellow parts his hair in the middle, and his shirt front is bigger than his brains!" "Come up to the fire," said my little mother. "Pull up your chair." And the circle widened out bigger till it took in half the room.

There were the minister, and neighbor Hotchkiss, and old lady Denison, and the twin old maids, and my uncles George and Platt, who sat in the corners of the fireplace near the heat, and there were more besides, and every one was happy. "Will you pass the cider?" said my little mother, and then began the fun. That cider was made of Spitzenburg, every drop of it. And you should have tasted that cider! It was pressed out in no patent mill, with a million barrels of rubbish and dirt. It was pure juice of the apple. It did no one any harm, and it went around with a huge salver of doughnuts. O Lord, but what has become of the knack for doughnuts, and caraway cakes, and gingersnaps? One would think it could not have so evaporated.

It was coming time to cut the huge loaves of cake, and our little mother already had a knife in her Washington cake, and my tall aunt had a knife in her Lafayette cake. Then I could see that our father was uneasy, and he got up and took the peeler and fervently watched the two women as he gently rolled over the front stick in the fire irons and had everything ready for a tremendous poking of the whole heap. But happily just then the parson stepped into a disquisition of St. Paul's epistle to Timothy. "Fish!" said my little mother, "but St. Paul will do well enough for Sundays, but he did not understand women!" "You are right," said my aunt, "and for my part I hate old bachelors when they set up to teach married folk." You could see in a moment that all danger was over, and my father quietly laid down the peeler, and the two women drew together and began to whisper, and instead of rival cakes we had the two sorts put lovingly together on one plate and a plate for every one of us. I never saw such big pieces of cake before or since. It was all to our advantage. The rivalry had become a rivalry of generosity.

Girls in those days were big, rosy creatures, who could laugh and did not wear corsets. They milked the cows and harnessed the horses and went to mill on horseback without a saddle. They could knit and sew and could cut like other folks. They did not nibble confectionery and gingle, but were open to a clean kiss and knew how to give one. Our girls and our neighbors' girls were seven that day, and they soon had things all their own way. While the older women sat in easy chairs the girls flew about and cared for everybody. Ah, but what a creature a really beautiful girl is! She needs no art at all. Bless 'em, but is not nature enough? Yes, truly, there are fools who trick themselves out till you cannot tell they are girls, only by their wriggling walk, and their giggling talk, and their heartless disregard of everything but themselves. Rights! Dear me, but our girls had their rights and gave us our rights. They ruled the house with their honest behavior. Our plates were not allowed to be empty for one moment. Each girl had her own cake or tart or cookie as truly as the aunt and little mother.

So it was our New Year's day came and went, and we slid softly into the arms of the great new days and great new things, and here we are. Bless 'em, but why can they not all rise up just for once to see the changes that have taken place? Perhaps it is better as it is, for I am sure that they would miss about everything that made up the world for them. The huge factories have stolen away all that made our home interesting, and for my part I think we have a long road to reach the future millennium. But in those days our homes were the universe to us, and we did not care for huge buildings and great cities. We had George Washington and Thomas Jefferson when New Year's was no bigger than a village, and I do not believe they would have been the better or wiser had they lived in these days. No, indeed!

And when they were all gone our little mother sat very silent for awhile, and then she said, "Father, does not the world grow more beautiful each year?" And he took once more the peeler, and he stirred the fire very gently as he said, "Mother, the legs are burning away one by one. We must keep the coals alive." "Yes, indeed," said my little mother. "We must keep the little warm."—E. P. P. in St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

NEW YEAR'S CALLING

As Old Knickerbocker Custom That Should Be Perpetuated.

While the New Year's customs of ancient times possess for us a certain fascination, we find still more interesting the celebrations of the present time. The one that is most characteristic, most truly American, is the old Knickerbocker custom of making calls upon New Year's day, and it is to be hoped that it will be long continued by those who care to encourage and sustain whatever is distinctly national and characteristic among us. It is true that this custom belongs to a time when making calls had not become a daily business, pursued for want of other occupation by men and women of leisure. It is true that it belongs to a time when men were too busy to do much visiting and gladly seized this annual opportunity of looking up old friends and especially the busy wives and mothers they had known as girls and recalling and recounting the scenes and events of their youth.

This annual brightening of the links of old friendships is the special function of New Year's calls. The day is put to very bad use when it is employed in a mere effort to count up a long list of names of persons whom one may have seen yesterday or the day before and who have no steady purpose to prevent them from calling every day of their lives.

Of course one does not want to miss one's intimates on such a day, but there is not the same object in setting apart a day for them, and that is the reason why some modern and fashionable people who have "traveled" relinquish the custom when they return home to a life based as far as possible on what they have heard and seen abroad. But this class are not all of American society. There are many who represent the oldest and best families who cling to old habits, who do not spend half their lives abroad, but who are the strength and honor of the best enterprises and efforts at home.

Then there are others, busy business and professional men and women, who form the largest part of our "best" society, who perhaps do the most to formulate its habits and perpetuate its customs, and to these the last of January, as a day of freedom and devotion to the social idea, is a boon which they welcome apart from its significance and the desire to perpetuate it as a custom.—Philadelphia Times.

AT BAVARIA'S CAPITAL.

New Year's Reception at the Court of Dresden—Greeting the Queen.

On the night of the court the persons who are to be presented assemble in an amber hall lighted by wax candles in six immense crystal candelabras. Ladies of honor stand here in a group near the door, while aide-de-camp move about, the strangers that come in one by one being placed in a row that lines the four sides of the room. Embassadors, ministers and ministers' wives take up their places along the line near the persons who are under their charge.

Suddenly three taps of the marshal's staff resound on the mosaic, hard wood floor, and majesty enters. All bow deeply. The queen gives her hand to the minister's wife next to her, then steps very close in front of the first lady to be presented. Her master of ceremonies mentions the lady's name. Majesty is enlightened. The lady therefore makes her reverence without taking the conventional two steps backward. "Is she living in Dresden?" the queen inquires. The stranger answers, "Yes, your majesty," whereupon the queen moves her hands nervously, fingering her fan. The page, in crimson and silver, who carries the end of her outspread, long, peacock colored, velvet brocade train, stands motionless, like a statue. His face is powdered, and his curly pomade has been sprinkled with a white porcelainlike dust that glints in the light. During the pause and silence the stranger observes it curiously, though her eyes are fixed on the queen and her mouth fixed in a grin, as if before a photographer's camera. At last the next question comes, "Is she not American by birth?" "Yes, your majesty," comes the stereotyped, stupid little reply. Majesty pauses again one indecisive moment longer; then finally she nods and passes on to the next stranger. At once the next stranger makes her reverence of greeting while the first is finishing with hers of farewell.—New York Independent.

Superstitions of New Year's Eve.

Country folk study the weather very closely and draw auguries therefrom, for the winds of New Year's eve have portentous qualities. Hence:

If New Year's eve night wind blow south, it betokeneth warmth and growth; if west, much milk and fish in the sea; if north, much cold and storms there will be; if east, the trees will bear much fruit; if northeast, too it, man and brute.

The custom of drawing water from the dead and living ford Usque-Cash-rield is still followed in some parts of the highlands. This water when drunk acts as a charm against the spells of witchcraft, the evil eye, etc. The highlanders, too, burn juniper branches and fill their houses with smoke to purify them and prevent harm entering them during the coming year.—Selected.

How to Make a Prosperous Year.

The way to make a prosperous year is to make it. Quit borrowing trouble. Quit conjuring up hard times. Remember that the sun will shine, the rains will fall, health and strength are yours, and that your fortune is with yourself and not with the stars.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Scrutiny Night.

Another curious local name for New Year's eve is curious and a half ago was "Scrutiny night." In Merton college, Oxford, all the college servants then delivered up their keys to the warden and fellows, and the worthy servants received them again with a Latin address.—Exchange.

WILL HE COME BACK?

Jointist McWilliams May Not Return to Prosecute Lindsey and Gish.

Judge Hazen has set the cases of the State ex rel. County Attorney Safford against Chief H. C. Lindsey and P. N. Gish for trial a week from today. The case is one in which Lindsey and Gish are accused of extorting money from Jointist John McWilliams for "protection."

It is now a matter of serious doubt whether the case will be prosecuted. McWilliams is not in Kansas. The last heard of him he was in Chillicothe, Mo. There is something strange about that, too. He was fined \$100 in the police court for running a club and was sentenced to work 100 days. At the end of about a week he was released and his fine was never paid.

Thus we see that when it is the interest of public officials for lawbreakers to "escape" and get away, they do it. It is no wonder that the common people regard the courts, particularly the lower ones as engines of oppression and chicanery, and not as institutions for securing justice. There is a lot of skulduggery of this kind going on all the time that ought to send a lot of people to the penitentiary.

Prof. W. T. Wenzell, the well known chemist of San Francisco, writes: "I consider Dr. Price's Baking Powder to be pure and wholesome, and in every way a superior article."

SUNDAY AT THE CHURCHES.

United Presbyterian church, corner of Eighth and Topeka avenues, Rev. M. F. McKirahan pastor. Preaching tomorrow at 11 o'clock on "Settling with the Lord," at 7:30 the young people hold a missionary concert, Miss Anna Kelley presiding.

First Church of God, hall at 500 East Fifth street. Preaching by Elder Turpin. Revival services commence Monday night.

First Unitarian Society.—Preaching at 11 a. m. by the pastor, Rev. A. Wyman. Subject, "The Path That Each Must Walk Alone."

First Universalist church, 422 Kansas avenue. Preaching morning and evening at usual hour by Rev. S. M. Barnes of Junction City.

Central Church, Charles M. Sheldon pastor. Preaching at 11 a. m. by Rev. Joseph E. Roy, D. D., of Chicago. Subject, "The Negro, the Indian and the Chinaman in Christian America." Evening service at 7:30. Chapter 12 of the story, "The Two Masters," the last chapter, read by the pastor.

Madison Street Baptist Church.—Rev. W. F. Fife will preach morning and evening.

Church of Christ, Scientist, 210 West Sixth street, Willis F. Gross pastor. Preaching at 11 a. m. Subject, "A Backward Look."

North Topeka Baptist church, Rev. W. B. Hutchinson pastor. Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning subject, "The Old and the New." Evening subject, "Settling Up and Taking Hold." Special services will be commenced Wednesday evening of this week.

Rev. S. B. Alderson, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, has returned from his vacation and will occupy his pulpit tomorrow. At 11 a. m. he will deliver the first of a series of sermons on the Lord's Prayer at 7:30 p. m. his subject will be "Missionary Observations in the Cherokee country and in the Gold Camps of Colorado."

Spiritualists.—Sunday school at 10 and conference at 11 a. m., at Lincoln Post hall, East Sixth street. Rev. C. W. Seareing will lecture at 7:30 p. m. on "Spiritualism." "I go away I will come again."—Jesus.

Oakland Presbyterian church.—Preaching by the pastor, Rev. H. S. Childs. Morning subject, "The New Year," evening subject, "Choosing."

English Lutheran church.—Preaching morning and evening by Rev. Mr. Wagner. A congregational meeting will be held after morning service in order to call a pastor.

United Brethren church.—Services tomorrow in Ladies' library hall on Kansas avenue between Eleventh and Twelfth streets. The first quarterly business meeting for the year. Sermon by Elder Meredith at 11 a. m., sermon by the pastor, S. C. Colburn, at 7:30 p. m.

Rev. E. S. Farrand will preach morning and evening at the Westminster Presbyterian church. Morning subject, "The Holy Spirit for Service." Evening subject, "Five Reasons for Being a Christian."

On Wednesday the Presbyterian Missionary union will hold an all day service in the church. On Wednesday evening five cottage prayer meetings will be held preparatory to special services, which will begin in this church January 6.

Brethren (Dunkard) church, Oakland.—Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. tomorrow by Elder Vaniman.

Grace Cathedral (Episcopal) Very Rev. Frank R. Millsbaugh dean. Christmas music expected. Holy communion 8 a. m. Sermon by the dean 11 a. m. Rev. Guy W. Miner 4:30 p. m.

Dean Millsbaugh preaches at Good Shepherd, North Topeka, 7:30, Christmas services.

Dean Millsbaugh preaches at St. Simon's at 4:30 p. m., Christmas service.

First Methodist Episcopal church.—Bishop Vincent will preach a New Year's sermon in the morning at 11 o'clock and the pastor will perform a like service in the evening at 7:30 o'clock.

German Lutheran church, corner of Van Buren and Second streets, C. F. Graebner, pastor. Services tomorrow at 10:30 a. m., on Monday at 7:30 p. m., and on Tuesday, New Year's day, at 10:30 a. m.

The Sabbath evening services at Liberty United Presbyterian church, corner Fifth and Leland streets, will be conducted by Geo. E. Luriga, secretary of the Y. M. C. A., at 7:30 o'clock.

Second Baptist church, First street, Rev. G. D. Olden, pastor. Preaching 11 a. m. and 8 p. m.

A HUGE CONVENTION HALL.

Denver is Planning One For the National Conventions in 1896.

DENVER, Dec. 29.—A committee of the chamber of commerce is negotiating for a site for a huge convention building which it is proposed to build in this city, with a view to having one or more of the national political conventions held here in 1896. The plans call for an auditorium with a seating capacity of 12,000.

Salary Law Unconstitutional.

WELLINGTON, Dec. 28.—The Doubly-day fee and salary law was today declared unconstitutional by District Judge Burnett. The law applied to all the county officers but was to take effect a different times and on this ground it was contested.

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NORTH TOPEKA.

Items of Interest from the North Side of the River.

Miss Lida Cutbirth of Silver Lake, is visiting friends here.

Sheridan Lane, of Osage county, is the guest of John R. Hart this week.

Miss Edith Stewart of Council Grove is a guest at the home of Dr. S. N. Burgen.

Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Conkle will entertain the Old Folks' high five club this evening.

The thirteen-year old son of A. F. Haines is dangerously ill at their home on Van Buren street.

George and Clark Neiswender, of Silver Lake, came down yesterday to attend the state teachers' meeting.

Miss Delia Rorabagh accompanied her father on his return to their home at Kitter, Mo. They left today.

Mrs. John Barnheisel, of Osage county, is spending the holidays with her brother, Enos Keplinger, and her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. J. Barrett.

The Q. A. M. club will give a social dance at Lukens' opera house New Year's eve. All are invited. Tickets 50 cents.

Merton Stickel of Centralia, came down to hear the McIntyre lecture, and is the guest of his aunt, Mrs. Seymore, while in the city.

Royal Neighbors, the woman's auxiliary of the Modern Woodmen.

County Superintendent and Mrs. Ewbank of Holton, Jackson county, are the

guests of Rev. Calvin Holman while attending the teachers' convention.

1895 Diaries at P. O. Book Store.

10 per cent off on Banquet cook and oak heating stoves for Christmas presents. J. H. Fouch.

A union meeting of the young people's societies of North Topeka will be held tomorrow evening in the Presbyterian church. Subject: "Looking Backward." Meeting from 6:15 to 7:15. All cordially invited.

The Good Literature reading circle met at the office of C. C. Nicholson, at 3 o'clock this afternoon, and proceeded in a body to the capitol to make a study of the administration of state government in connection with the work which the circle is doing this winter.

The Christian Endeavor society of the Presbyterian church has elected the following officers for the first half of the coming year: W. C. Steele, president; Miss Ida Ward, vice president; Miss Anna Weir, secretary; Miss Anna Hearty, treasurer; Miss Mabel Miller, organist.

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